be talked of, and at length they got Authority to ſearch the Dunghill, where the dead Body was found; and other concurrent Circumſtances appearing, the Wife was apprehended and convicted of the Murder, which before her Execution ſhe confeſſed, and impeached the young Fellow her Accomplice, who was alſo executed.

I could, ſays the Marquiſs, give you the Hiſtory of a Man, who treated his Wife much in this Manner, and the Diſcovery is altogether as remarkable; but as our Time will not admit of it, and the firſt Bell has rung for Dinner, I will beg the Favour of you to proceed as faſt as poſſible.

The *eighth* Commandment ſays:

Thou ſhalt not ſteal.

With this I ſhall take up but little Time, ſays Maſter *Smith*, for beſides the Puniſhment inflicted on Thieves by the Law, if we conſider that no Man will harbour a Thief in his Houſe, or keep him Company, we ſhall find that it is every Man's Intereſt to be honeſt.

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The *ninth* Commandment, which ſays:

Thou ſhalt not bear falſe Witneſs againſt thy Neighbour.

Will indeed take up more of our Time, becauſe it is a Matter of greater Conſequence to Society, and has been often puniſhed in a terrible Manner by the Almighty, who is the *God of Truth*, and abhors a Liar. Remember the Fate of *Ananias* and *Sapphira*, who were ſtruck dead for telling a Lie.

This Commandment enjoins us always to ſpeak the Truth; but more eſpecially in all Caſes where our Neighbour's Fortune or Character is concerned; for a falſe Witneſs (or in other Words) the telling a Lie, may in theſe Caſes reduce a Man to Beggary, or deprive him of Life. I have heard of a Man at a County Aſſizes (and I have it from very good Authority) who on a Trial wiſhed he might drop down dead, if what he ſaid was not the Truth; and he immediately dropped, and expired in the Court.

I have already mentioned an Inſcription in a Church-yard at the *Devizes*; there is alſo another on a Houſe in the Market-

place,

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